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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW		Attorney Docket Number: 10517/200 PATENT		
Applicant Norihiko SAITO et al.	Application No. 10/715,458	Filing Date November 19	Filing Date November 19, 2003	
Patent Number	Issued	Examiner Tony S. CHUO	Art Unit 1746	
Invention Title DIAGNOSTIC APPARATUS AND DIAGNOSTIC METHOD FOR FUEL CELL		Assignee TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA		

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Sir:

In compliance with M.P.E.P. 713.04, the Applicant provides this Statement of Substance of Interview concerning the telephonic interview conducted on May 12, 2006 with Examiner Chuo.

- (A) Exhibits. No exhibit was shown or demonstration was conducted.
- (B) <u>Claims</u>. 1
- (C) Prior art. Fuglevand et al. (US 6,096,449)
- (D) <u>Amendments</u>. Proposed amendment to recite a device control portion which controls the operation device such that the fuel cell is operated according to at least one predetermined operation pattern <u>after the fuel cell is functioning in a steady state</u>.
- (E) <u>Principal arguments of Applicant</u>. Prior art does not disclose the claimed feature.
- (F) Other matters. N/A
- (G) Results. No agreement reached.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required or credit any overpayments relating to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4323 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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